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The reply filed on October 25, 1999, is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission or matter: Although the Applicant elected Group I (claims 1-49 and 65-67), the Applicant did not elect a single disclosed species, as explained in the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 of paper no. 8. (Attention is directed to 37 CFR 1.111.) Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dave Willse, whose telephone number is (703) 308-2903. The supervisory patent examiner is Mickey Yu, whose telephone number is (703) 308-2672. The receptionist's phone number is (703) 308-0858, and the main FAX numbers are (703) 305-3591, 3590.

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